



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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## 2019 Redskins Raffle Fundraiser Coming Soon! Redskin Raffle Time!

The Branch needs your support for our only fundraiser! Members watch your mail for chances to win. If you like to purchase more tickets or help in selling tickets please contact President Rauch. Your help in selling and purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated!

### Important Dates for March 2019

- 06 Mar ~ Ash Wednesday
- 10 Mar ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 Mar ~ St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Mar ~ First Day of Spring
- 20 Mar ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following BoD Meeting  
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD  
Teleconference: 1-605-313-4448 Access Code: 864972#

### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

#### Retention:

Membership As of February 2019				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
94	4	1	1	0

You can renew at [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or please contact our Branch Secretary for more information.

**Recruitment/Reinstatement:** See [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or Branch Secretary for more details on incentive programs.

**Attendance:** See above for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location

### East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting



PRPEC Gunther, RPEC Phillipp and President Rauch attended the East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting, February 16, 2019 in Richmond, VA.

Valuable and pertinent information for the Region was presented during the business meeting held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 presided over by East Coast Region President Randy Phillipp.

Each Regional Branch that was in attendance confirmed that their Branch Report was submitted and had a chance to read their report if they wanted. Then each committee chairmen went over their respective reports to ensure that all branches understand the do's and don'ts of submitting the following reports:

- American and Patriotism (S/M Chris Murray Br. 040)
- Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation (S/M Brian Jones Br. 093)
- Public Relations (S/M PRPEC Penny Collins Br. 024)
- Youth Activities (S/M William Hanson Br. 037)
- Membership and Retention (S/M RVPEC SD Martin Br. 166)

It was noted that Branch Officer Reports must be submitted to Regional/National and can be submitted after elections vice installation.

National and Regional Officer resolutions that will be submitted:

- National Vice President: PRPEC Penny Collins (Br. 024)
- National Executive Director: PRPEC Chris Slawinski (Br. 181) and DLP John Davis (Br. 181).
- East Coast Regional President: SD Martin (Br. 166)
- East Coast Regional Vice President: RPEC Vanetta Charles (Br. 099) and S/M Brian Jones (Br. 093).

The 2019 National Convention is planned to be held in Memphis, TN at the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel on September 22-29, 2019.

There was no new business conducted and the Regional Americanism Essays were being reviewed and winners will be selected at a later time.

After the meeting concluded, there was a banquet that Saturday night for the Branch and Unit members in attendance.

### BRANCH MEETING February 20, 2019



At 1910 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including PRPEC Paul Gunther, PRSEC Keith Kaider, RPEC Randy Phillipp and S/M Ralph Freibert.

Due to the bad weather our meeting was held via teleconference. Going forward we will use the number and access code to the left under "Important Dates" for any Shipmates that cannot physically attend the meeting and like to attend via teleconference. Please call in at 1900 in case we start early and recommend using your cell phone because long distance fees may be applied on landline phones. We will look into a toll-free number if we receive enough interest.

We were notified that S/M Leonard Rice received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on January 11, 2017. He has been added to the Two Bell Ceremony and Our Deepest Sympathies go out to his family. (See Remembrances on back)

Received letter from Anne Dobbs (Unit 182), Thanking the Branch Shipmates for our continued support of the Unit and their projects. Letter will be attached to the newsletter e-mail. For any Shipmate not receiving the newsletter via e-mail please let President Rauch know if you like a copy of the letter and he will send it with the next newsletter.

Received correspondence from Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, which included the February FRA Membership Newsletter. Will distribute with those members with e-mail addresses.

For preparation for hosting the July CLC meeting, RPEC Phillipp will be contacting the American Legion catering point-of-contact to ensure they contact our Unit President to discuss meal options.

Preparations are underway to get ready for our Annual Redskins Raffle Fundraiser. PRSEC Kaider will be purchasing the Redskins Season Tickets and ordering the raffle tickets.

It is planned to award 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade "What Freedom of Speech Means to Me" essay branch winners at the April meeting. There was no 7th or 9th grade entries.

PRPEC Gunther, RPEC Phillipp and President Rauch attended the East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting that was held on February 15-16, 2019 in Richmond, VA. Details and information from the meeting are listed in the article on the left.

Received 1st Newsletter for the 75th East Coast Regional Convention being held July 18-21, 2019 in Greenville, NC. Hotel information is on the back of the newsletter under "Upcoming Meetings". There are two raffles and the necessary forms to purchase a Journal Ad, Patron List, Booster Roll or Memoriam List to support the convention. The two 50/50 raffles consist of an (6 for \$5) and (\$25/ticket). The raffles do not require to be present to win. If anyone would like to purchase tickets or more information about the ECRC please notify President Rauch.

January Financial Statement was reported by PRPEC Gunther and approved.

No other business was conducted and at 1932 President Rauch adjourned the meeting.

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Two Bell Ceremony in remembrance of those Shipmates that have received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

Shipmate Leonard Rice

Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



### In Remembrance



First Class Petty Officer  
Leonard Rice USN (Ret)

January 11, 1934 - January 11, 2017

S/M Rice was a FRA Member of 27 years. Leonard spent 21 years in the US Navy retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, American Legion Post #282, VFW Post #10076, Amvets #02, Eagles #2226, and was a huge fan of both the NY Yankees and San Diego Chargers and loved to fish.

For his full obituary please see the link below:  
<https://www.staufferfuneralhome.com/notices/Leonard-Rice>

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### Central Liaison Committee

April 13, 2019 2:00 PM at Branch 4  
7500 Livingston Rd., Oxen Hill, MD

#### Annual LAFRA Arlington National Cemetery Pilgrimage

April 26-27, 2019

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel

900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204

Reservations: (703) 521-1900 Cut-off April 2, 2019 @ 5pm

Room Rates: \$139 + 12% tax per night

#### Central Liaison Committee/NDW Memorial Day Service

May 27, 2019 1:00 PM

Navy Memorial, Washington, DC

#### Central Liaison Committee Memorial Day Picnic

May 27, 2019 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Hosted by Branch/Unit 4

Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Pavilion 7

20 MacDill Blvd SE #207, Washington, DC 20032

#### 2019 East Coast Region Convention

July 18-July 21, 2019

Holiday Inn of Greenville, North Carolina

203 Greenville Blvd, Greenville, North Carolina

Reservations: 1-252-355-8300 \$109/night, Cut-off June 18, 2019

#### Central Liaison Committee

July 27, 2019 2:00 PM at Branch 182

2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Robert Vitarelli	1st	Bob Mallasch	14th
William Vernon	4th	James Crytzer	16th
William Billado	6th	Harley Higgins	18th
Juan Velazquez-Ortiz	12th	D. Keith Kaider	20th
Clem Beck	14th	John Leben	31st

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

### MARCH FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Lester Notbohm	63yrs	Jonathan Whiting	27yrs
Donald Bambeck	55yrs	Kirk Young	18yrs
Jack Ensminger	51yrs	Bob Mallasch	15yrs
Daniel Carey	51yrs	Kenneth Mutzabaugh	15yrs
Phillip Case	37yrs	John Wood	14yrs
Edward Braithwood	36yrs	Santiago Chavez	10yrs
Robert Hebron	1yr		

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

### ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 58 of 94 Branch members and 9 of 27 Unit members have agreed to receive their newsletter by email.

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail and could get it by email, PLEASE send President Rauch your email address.

Getting the newsletter by email is faster delivery and gives you the **COLOR** version!

THANK YOU, Shipmates and Ladies.

Comptroller of Maryland *Serving the People* Peter Franchot, Comptroller

## SPOTLIGHT ON MARYLAND TAXES

### \*\*\*Important Tax Filing Update (2018)\*\*\*

If you are a Maryland resident and receiving military retirement, please see below for the updated subtraction on Form 502 line 13 (Code U):

u. Up to \$5,000 of military retirement income received by a qualifying individual during the tax year if the taxpayer has not yet attained the age of 55; or up to \$15,000 of military retirement income received by a qualifying individual if the taxpayer is age 55 or over. To qualify, you must have been a member of an active or reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, an active duty member of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, a member of the Maryland National Guard, or the member's surviving spouse or ex-spouse.

Reference: [https://taxes.marylandtaxes.gov/Individual\\_Taxes/General\\_Information/](https://taxes.marylandtaxes.gov/Individual_Taxes/General_Information/)

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

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On February 21, due to bad weather, we held our monthly meeting at the IHOP in Rockville. We had 7 members in attendance.

Helen read important dates in February from the FRA Calendar (Groundhog Day, USO Birthday, Lincoln's B'Day, Women Marines B'Day, Valentines Day, President's Day, USCG Reserves B'Day, & Washington's B'Day). Quite the month!

We discussed our plans for the Branch & Unit to host the July CLC Meeting.

We are continuing our project of collecting grocery store coupons for our military families stationed overseas. Thank you everyone!

Our next meeting will be March 21 at 11:00 A.M. at the VFW Post 3285, 5901 Old National Pike, Frederick, Md. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully,  
*Susan Kaider*

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Benoit	2yrs
Brenda Loe	2yrs

**Thank you for your support, Ladies**

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mildred Murphy	11th
Pamela Desensi	24th
Frances DeByl	26th
Crystal Denlinger	27th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES**